Green belt land for oil refinery

390. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every oil refinery requires a Green belt land;

(b) if so, whether all the oil refineries in India have fulfilled this specification; and

(c) if any oil refinary has not fulfilled this specification what action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL):

(a) to (c) Mandatory acquisition of Green belt has been notified by Central Pollution Control Board under Environment Protection (EP) Act, 1986. The refineries, which have been established after promulgation of this Act, are obliged to fulfill this requirement.

The refineries commissioned after 1986 have provided for Green belt in line with the stipulations laid down in the EP Act, 1986.

The above Act is not obligatory to refineries established prior to EP Act, 1986. However, these refineries have undertaken tree plantation surrounding the refineries to mitigate environmental emissions.

Price rise of petrol and diesel

†391. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of rise in prices of petrol and diesel during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any plan to control ever increasing prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The major price revisions carried out for petrol and diesel during the last three years are as under:

	Retail selling Price at Delhi (Rs./litre)	
	Petrol	Diesel
1	2	3
Price as on 01.04.04	33.70	21.73
Revisions thereafter		
16.06.04	35.71	22.74

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.